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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0088252, inventors Kaikkonen et al., published May 8, 2003;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,503,259, inventors Huxel et al., issued January 7, 2003;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,471,707, inventors Miller et al., issued October 29, 2002;
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,290,701, inventor Enayati, issued September 18, 2001;
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,113,609, inventor Adams, issued September 5, 2000;
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7. U.S. Patent No. 6,044,847, inventors Carter et al., issued April 4, 2000;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,984,927, inventors Wenstrom, Jr. et al., issued November 16, 1999;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,725,529, inventors Nicholson et al., issued March 10, 1998;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,522,817, inventors Sander et al., issued June 4, 1996;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,346,501, inventors Regula et al., issued September 13, 1994;
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21. International Search Report dated December 12, 2002, from corresponding PCT Appln. No. PCT/EP02/09466; and
22. Middleton et al., "Synthetic Biodegradable Polymers as Medical Devices," Medical Plastics and Biomaterials (March 1998).

Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper since these documents are already of record in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/935,950, of which the present application claims the benefit as a continuation under 35 U.S.C. 120. These documents are, however, listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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